



**Governor's Youth Commission
Arizona Youth Survey Committee
Meeting Minutes**

September 26, 2007
4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
State Capitol
Conference Room A & B
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 101
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Conference Call: (602) 542-9002

An Arizona Youth Survey Committee meeting of the Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) was convened on September 26, 2007 at the State Capitol, Conference Room A & B, 1700 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Governor's Youth Commission:

Members Present		
Alice Cai	Amber McKenzie	Adam Zeldin
Andres Cano	Anthony Rivera	
Natalie Lucas	Branden Shipley	
Ty McBride	June Yoon	

Staff/Guests Present	Members Absent
Christopher Bodington	Ashley Applebee
Briana Kreibich	Yasmine Hafiz
Michelle Neitch	Alysha Rivera
	Kimberly Roland

A. Call to Order

Natalie Lucas called the meeting to order at 4:32 P.M. with nine (9) members present, two (2) staff and one (1) guest.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Christopher Bodington welcomed the committee members and asked each member to introduce himself/herself.

C. Review of Agenda

Natalie Lucas reviewed the agenda with the committee members.

D. Arizona Youth Survey Questions

Michelle Neitch, Data Analyst with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC), led a discussion on the Arizona Youth Survey (AYS). After explaining that the AYS is a statewide survey that is designed to measure the prevalence and frequency of substance abuse by youth, she asked the commissioners to review several questions with the intent of updating the language used to describe illegal substances. Several suggestions were made, such as changing the word psychedelics to hallucinogens, adding morphine terms, and using clearer language in certain behavioral questions.

E. Arizona Youth Survey Recruitment

Michelle Neitch led a discussion on recruiting schools to administer the AYS. She explained that schools were selected based on previous participation and on a random selection done by the ACJC. She recommended that the commissioners recruit schools to participate in the survey by calling principals over the phone. Anthony Rivera stated that it would be more effective to personally visit the schools, particularly because of the powerful impact youth voice has on adults. Adam Zeldin also recommended visiting governing councils to recruit entire school districts. Michelle told the commissioners that her goal was to recruit all of the targeted schools by winter break.

F. Call to Public

Christopher Bodington made a call to public with no response.

G. Adjourn

Anthony Rivera moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 P.M. Amber McKenzie seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with nine (9) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. (07.01.01)

Dated the 28th Day of September 2007
Governor's Youth Commission
Respectfully submitted by:
Christopher Bodington
Youth Development Program Administrator